is done regularly depending upon the condition of track and availability of funds.

(b) The details of tracks due renewals are not maintained State-wise. However, as on 1.04.2002, track due renewal on Indian Railways was 16559 km.

(c) The details of track renewals are not maintained State-wise. However, Rs. 12,500 crore approx. would be required to replace the track that was due for renewal as on 1.4.2002.

(d) The pace of replacement of track would depend upon the availability of funds. It is, however, expected that due renewal tracks as on 1.4.2002 may get renewed by the end of year 2006-07.

Vacancies in Railways

1150. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in each Zonal Railways as on 31st March, 2001 and 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of appointments made on compassionate grounds in various Zonal Railways in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) the number of casual labourers absorbed in service in various Zonal Railways during the same period; and

(d) the number of workers recruited from the open market to the services in each of the Zonal Railways, during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The details are given below:—

Railways

		Central	Eastern	Northern	North Eastern Frontier	North-East	Southern	South Central	South Eastern	Western	Total
Railway-wise vacancies as on	31.03.2001	10047	15543	9921	6101	9854	11402	11386	23034	98541	07142
	31.03.2002	13374	17229	11275	6521	9514	13025	11987	24964	11850	119739
Compassionate grounds appointments effevted in the year	2000-2001	1260	833	1611	366	605	759	964	1202	934	8534
	2001-2002	1058	824	1824	262	964	7751009	1238	1148	9120	
Number of casual labours absorbed in the year	2000-2001	14	Nil	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	251	27	Nil	298
	2001-2002	63	Nil	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	347	2	Nil	427
Number of workers recruited from the open market in the year	2000-2001	1511	766	434	144	218	588	630	750	1075	6116
	2001-2002	1142	249	490	136	505	527	755	913	212	4929